

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2867
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2003
ONION INTERVENTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Onion Government Intervention Scheme-2000;
- (b) whether the Union Government have agreed in principle to share the loss suffered by the Government of Maharashtra under the scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government have received request from the Government of Maharashtra to release the Central share under the scheme;
- (e) if so, whether the Union Government have released the share; and
- (f) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Central Government had sanctioned Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of 65,000 MTs Onion in Maharashtra from 20.01.2000 to 29.02.2000 at the Market Intervention Price (MIP) of Rs.250/- per quintal. 65,000 MTs of Onion were procured under the scheme. As per the guidelines of the Scheme, the loss, was shared by the Government of Maharashtra and Central Government on 50:50 basis.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The Central Government share of reimbursing loss amounting to Rs.4.875 crore has been released to the Government of Maharashtra.

(f): does not arise.